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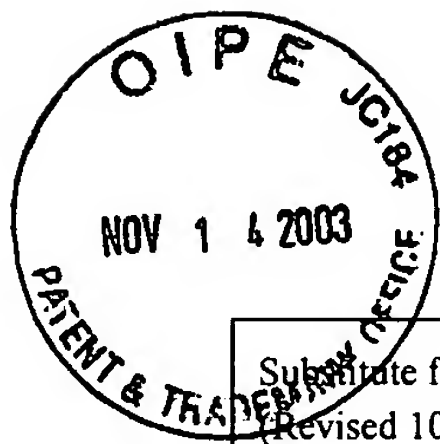J. Scott Anderson
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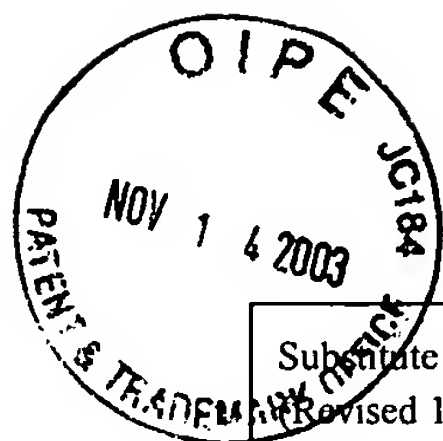| Substitute for form 1449A/PTO (Revised 10/2001) **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT** *(Use as many sheets as necessary)*				Complete if Known	
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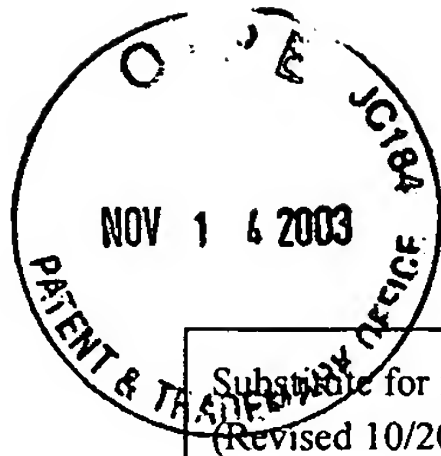
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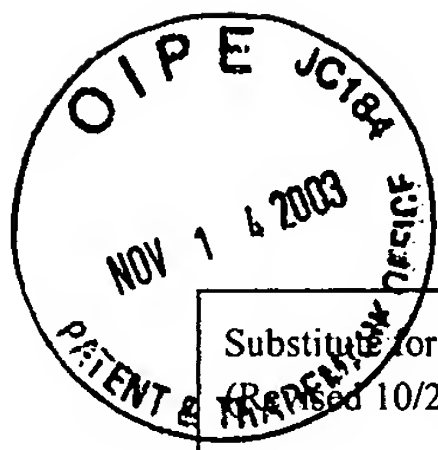
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